

25, WILTON PLACE.
London S.W.

Jan^y 7 1840

My dear Gray

I have to thank you for your two bills for £ 3.18.6 and £ 4.0.0 and the two copies of Gen. St. Iovis will be duly sent with the new part. I am much obliged by this prompt payment but another time I had rather that you should not send off the money till you have received the books for fear of mishaps or misunderstanding if as they say "anything should happen" to me.

The copy of the new part for yourself and the one for Mr. Rudkin will be sent as you desire only f^ol^d - the complete volumes in boards are scarcely pared - not at all at the top and on the side only just to remove the rough edge -

Most people approve of our reading the parts
cut as they use them in parts often
without any intention of binding them
and we find that in binding the margin
is not perceptibly reduced - not more so
than it would be if the edges were left
rough when they wear out much more
by use. - and as to the new part it will be
a very long perhaps indefinite time before
it gets a part 2 to bind with it. The
monocotyledons will be slow work I have
now been four months at Orchidaceae
(much taken up it is true by correcting
proofs) and have not I think got one
thing through - the Vanden are in a dreadful
state of confusion.

I am much disappointed at part
of the volume not being out yet I had
hoped to have got it all printed before

Christmas but all my urging the printers
proved in vain and then came Christmas
holidays. Now the whole is in type except
the index which goes to the printer tomorrow
as I have kept it worked up on the revision
as sent to proof. - There are five sheets in
type (since the one last sent to you) of which
I have not yet the clean proofs, but expect
two tomorrow

very truly yours

George Dontham